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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 30, 2000, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group IV (claims 29-46) for initial examination, with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that each Group defined by the Examiner is classified in Class 34, and that it would not be a serious burden on the Examiner to distinguish each patentable feature in the U. S. classification system.

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